

1 DELEGATE MASON: This kind of counsel is
2 available to him as the Attorney General. Now these
3 programs to which you address yourself are programs set
4 up by the legislature, and the Attorney General is the
5 one who has to interpret what the law means and trans-
6 late it into these particular programs for the governor.

7 Now, you are suggesting that the legislature
8 have their own lawyers so they can determine what the
9 law is, that the governor have his lawyer so he can de-
10 termine what the law is. Then we would fragment the
11 legal work of the state.

12 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Hanson.

13 DELEGATE HANSON: I don't believe that is what
14 I was suggesting altogether. What I was attempting to
15 get you to answer, I will try one more time, is why
16 should the governor in the making of the legal regulations
17 incident to the smooth operation of the administration,
18 not be entitled to a chief legal officer of his own
19 choosing?

20 What is there about election that makes it
21 better for an attorney, an elected attorney general, to
perform that policy legal function than for an appointed